

Sumter County School Board  
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## **FAMILIES IN TRANSITION—INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

**If your family lives in any of the following situations:**

- **In a shelter**
- **In a car, park, abandoned building, bus, or train station**
- **Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship**

*Your school aged children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.*

**Your eligible children have the right to:**

- Receive a free, appropriate public education
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment (30 day extension).
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school, or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed, or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.

Note: If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

- Receive transportation to and from school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There may be supports available for your pre-school age children.

### **Local Liaison**

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